



State of California – The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Restore/Reconstruct Fire Damaged Sessions Building (Toby's Candle)

**LOCATION:** Old Town San Diego SHP

**COUNTY:** San Diego

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

This project will restore and reconstruct the fire damaged Sessions Building in Old Town San Diego SHP.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation  
**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** San Diego Coast

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))  
☐ Statutory Exemption  
☒ Categorical Exemption    Section: 15331 - Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** No potential for significant impact to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA §15300.2. If the project is implemented as indicated within the project description including conditions provided by specialists, then it is exempt under CEQA §15331 - Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as "Activities affecting historic resources consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties."

Project consists of the maintenance, repair, and rehabilitation of an historic resource, in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (1995), Weeks and Grimmer (Class 31, Section 15331).

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